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For: **METHOD FOR ESTIMATING CHANGES IN PRODUCT  
LIFE RESULTING FROM HALT USING EXPONENTIAL  
ACCELERATION MODEL**

1. Enclosed are:

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☒ 3 sheets of informal drawings.

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